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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**LAW AND JUSTICE**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Law and Justice was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Graves, Howrylak, Roberts, Theis, Albert, Chang, Robinson, Guerra, Liberati, Wittenberg.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of March 6, 2018. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto recognized Minority Vice-Chair Chang for a special announcement. Minority Vice-Chair Chang congratulated committee member Representative Guerra on her recent marriage.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 5029 (Guerra)	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for embezzlement from vulnerable adult; modify to include elder adults.
HB 5032 (Green)	Crimes; other; definition of consent in crime of embezzlement against vulnerable adults; establish and include elder adults as victims.

Representative Guerra and Representative Green testified in support of the bills.

Paul Bukowski, representing the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office, joined Representative Green to testify in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim McGuire, representing the Area Agency on Aging of Michigan, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Alan Cropsey, Scott Teeter, and John Lazet, representing the Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, submitted a card in support of the bills, in concept, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association.  
Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan County Social Services Association.

Chairman Kesto laid the committee at ease, the time being 9:55 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Lucido took the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 9:56 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Lucido laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 5027 (Kesto)	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for elder adult abuse; provide for.
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HB 5028 (Farrington)	Criminal procedure; sentencing; assaulting elder or vulnerable adults; modify certain penalties.
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Chairman Kesto and Representative Farrington testified in support of the bills.

Jim McGuire, representing the Area Agency on Aging of Michigan, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Alan Cropsey, Scott Teeter, and John Lazet, representing the Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, submitted a card in support of the bills, in concept, but did not wish to speak.

Mark McWilliams, representing the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services, submitted a card in support of HB 5028, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association.  
Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan County Social Services Association.

Vice-Chairman Lucido laid the committee at ease, the time being 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Kesto returned to the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 10:06 a.m.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:06 a.m.

**Representative Klint Kesto, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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